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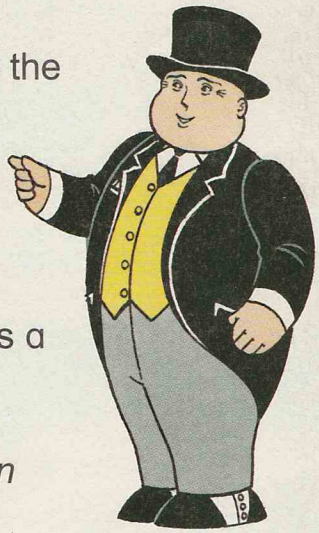
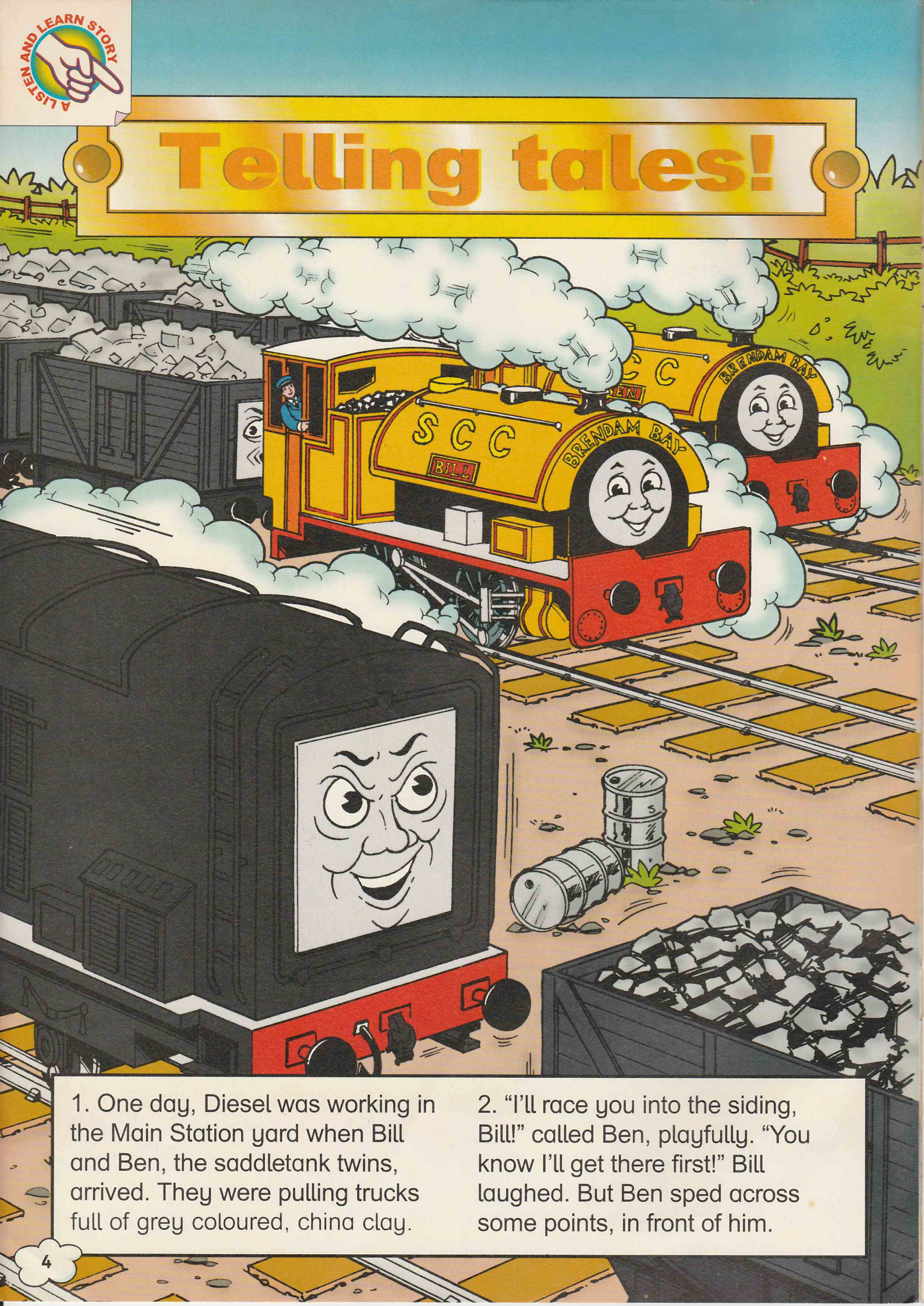
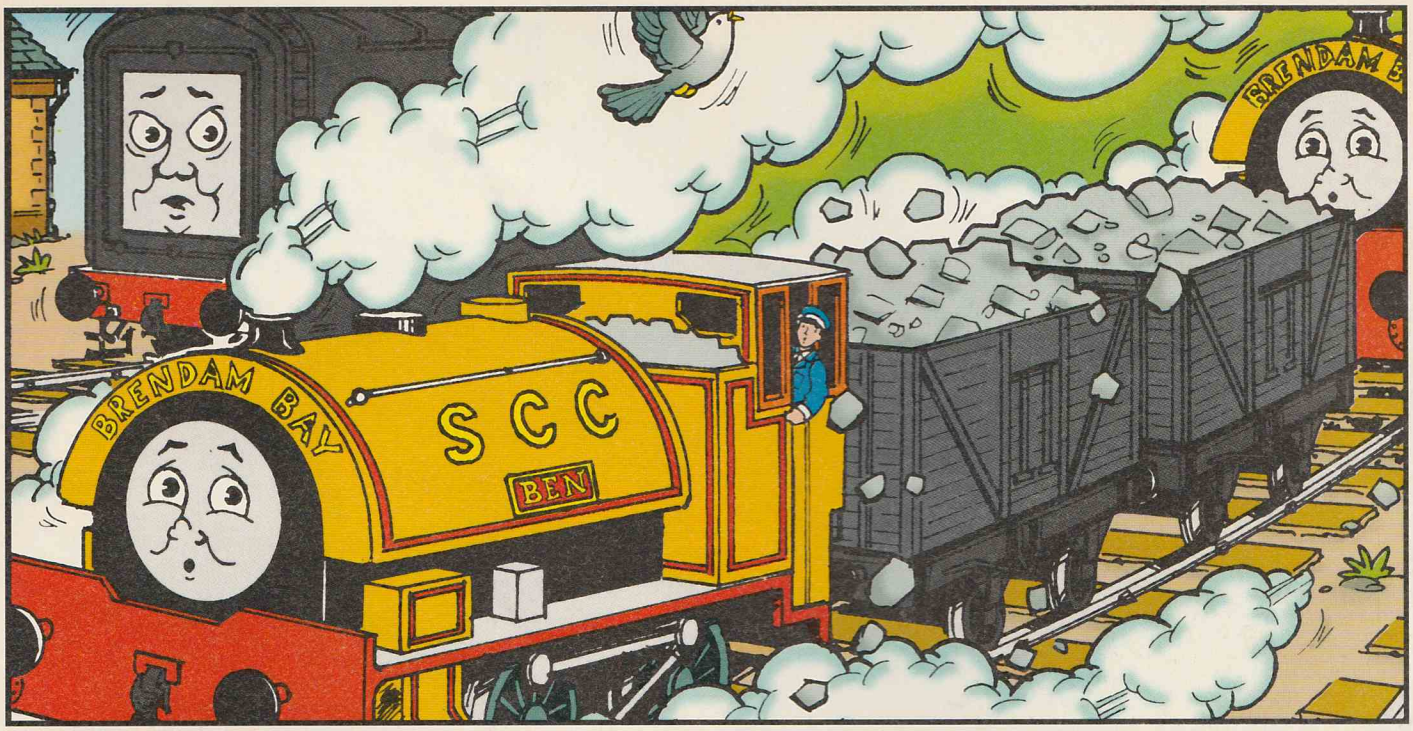




Telling tales!

1. One day, Diesel was working in the Main Station yard when Bill and Ben, the saddletank twins, arrived. They were pulling trucks full of grey coloured, china clay.

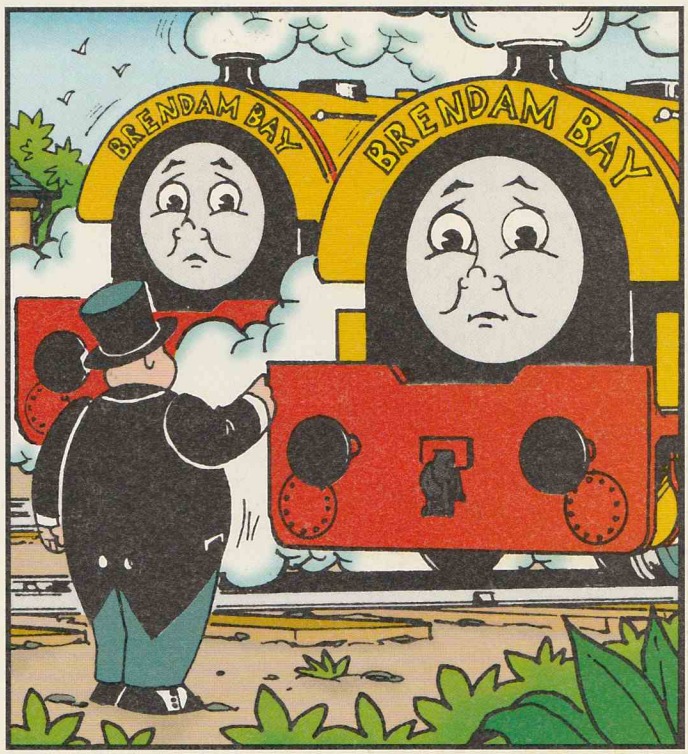
2. "I'll race you into the siding, Bill!" called Ben, playfully. "You know I'll get there first!" Bill laughed. But Ben sped across some points, in front of him.



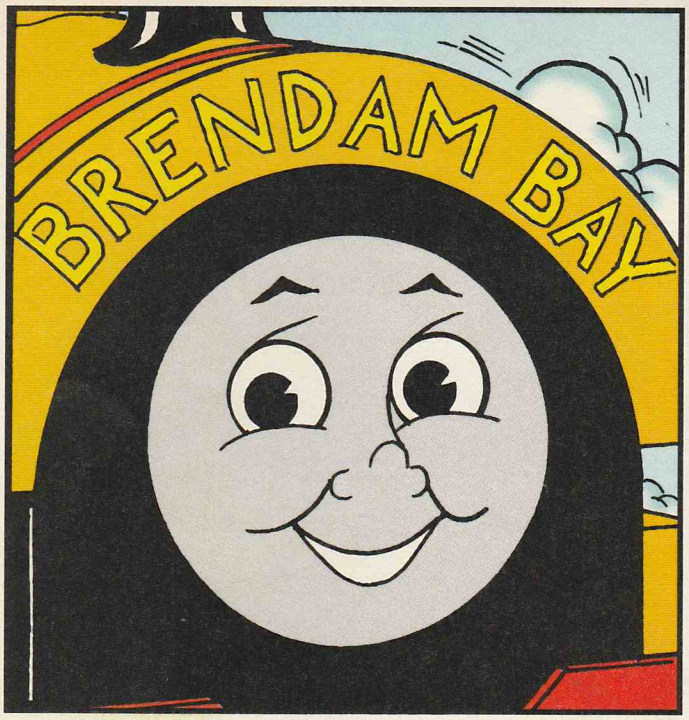
3. Ben's driver applied the brake sharply. "I won!" cried Ben. But Bill bumped into the back of Ben and some of Ben's china clay spilled all over Bill's shiny paintwork.

4. Then more clay from another truck fell on to Ben. What a mess the twins looked! "We both must get cleaned up before the Fat Controller sees us!" said Ben.

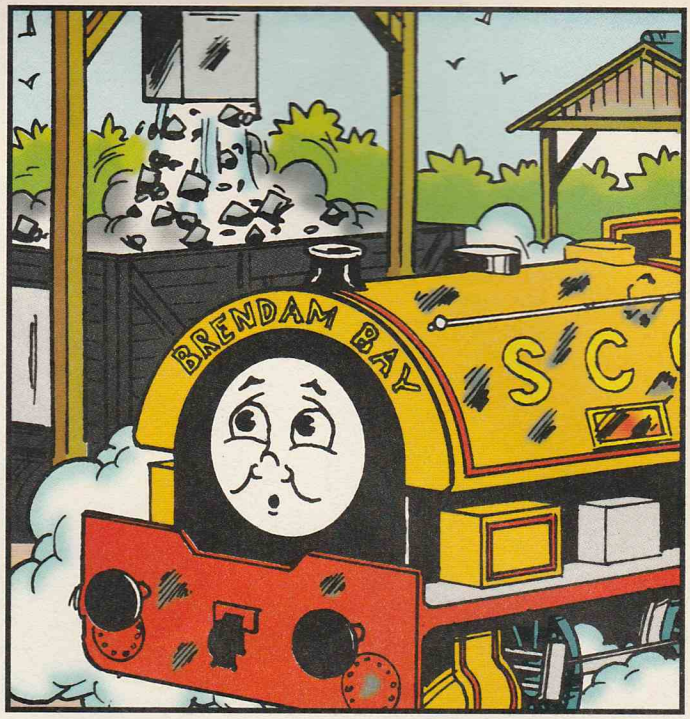
5. Bad-tempered Diesel had been listening to the twins. He liked nothing better than to get the other engines into trouble. He quickly raced off to tell the Fat Controller.



6. The Fat Controller was very cross with the twins. "I heard what happened! Naughty engines aren't useful engines!" he said. The twins were both sent to be washed down.



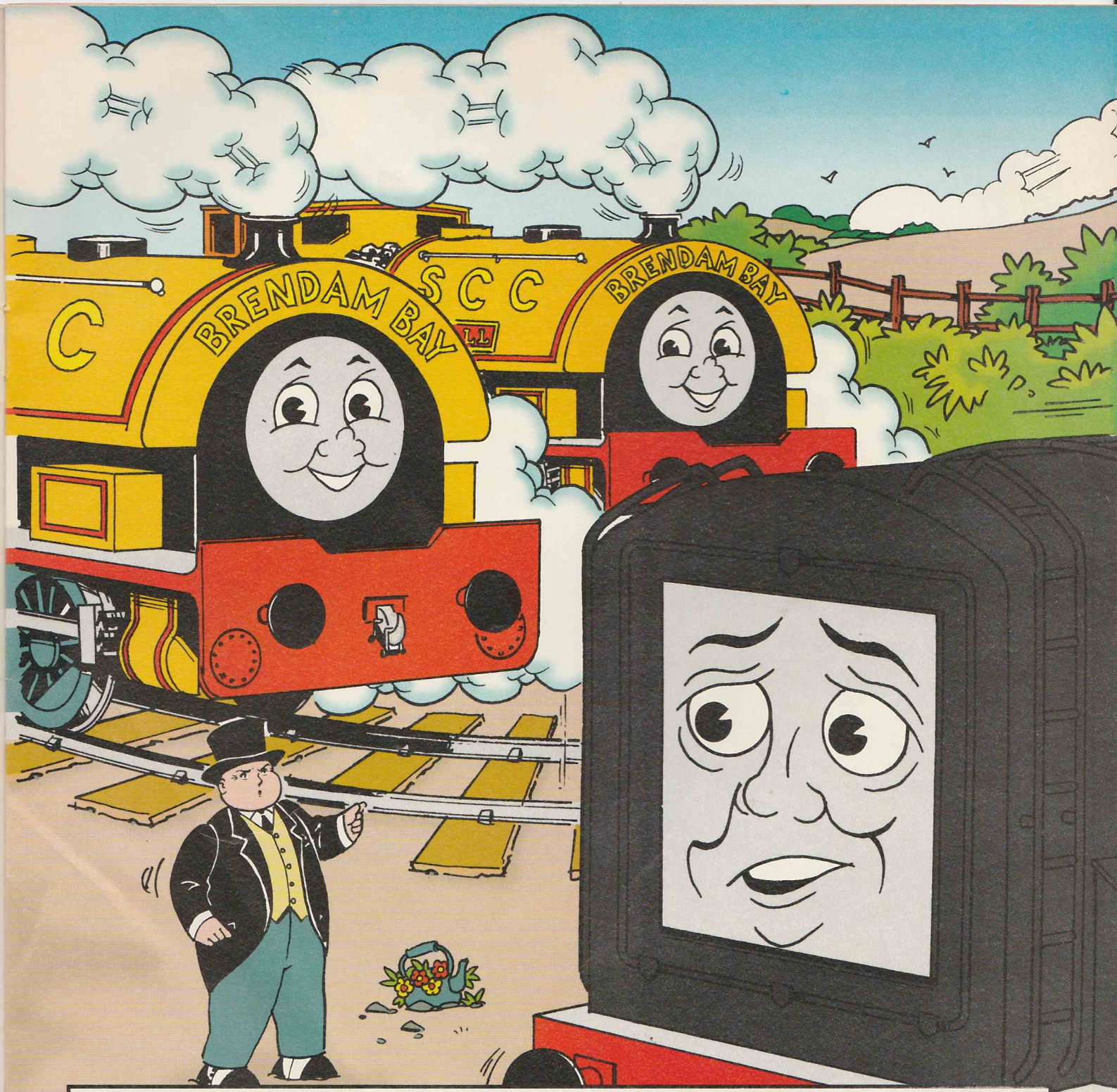
7. "It's all Diesel's fault!" they grumbled as they heard the nasty engine laughing behind them. "We'll teach him to sneak up on us!" said Bill. "I've got an idea!"



8. While Ben was being hosed down, Bill rolled up beside the coal chute that was filling Thomas's trucks. Some coal dust from the chute suddenly landed all over Bill.

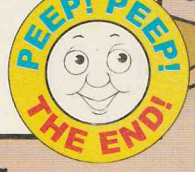
9. Meanwhile, Ben had finished being cleaned. He puffed past Diesel to show him. Then Ben went behind a shed, where the dirty Bill was waiting to take his place.

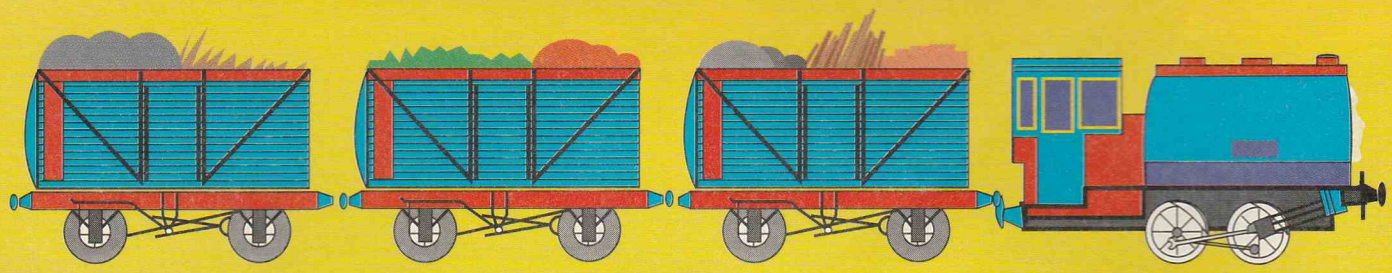
10. Bill pretended to be Ben, because the coal dust had covered his own name plate, and moved out from behind the shed looking dirtier than ever as he neared Diesel.



11. “Is that you, Ben?” said Diesel. “What happened? You were spotless when I saw you a moment ago?” “I’ve had another accident and will have to be washed again!” came the reply. Diesel went to tell the Fat Controller. But when they returned, they saw the real Ben, shining like a brand new engine.

12. “I don’t understand!” hissed Diesel. Bill had also been washed now, and both twins sparkled! The Fat Controller was annoyed with Diesel. “You can work late for wasting my time!” he said. Diesel fumed while the twins chuckled. “It serves Diesel right for telling tales!” they smiled.

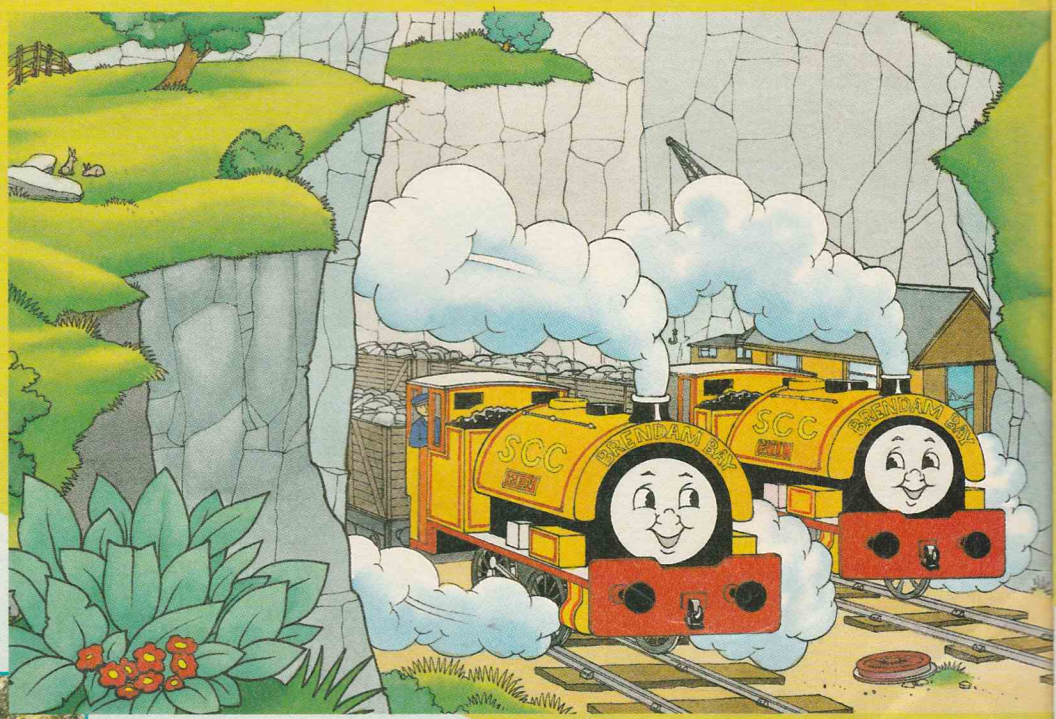


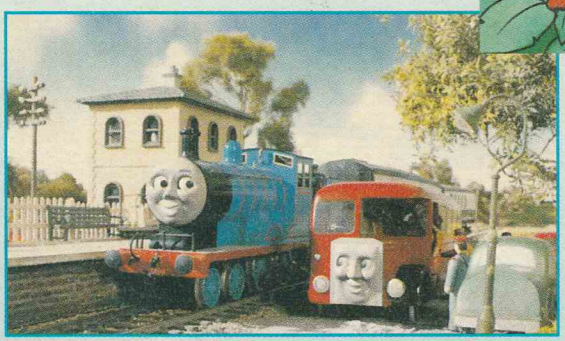


Goods Engines!

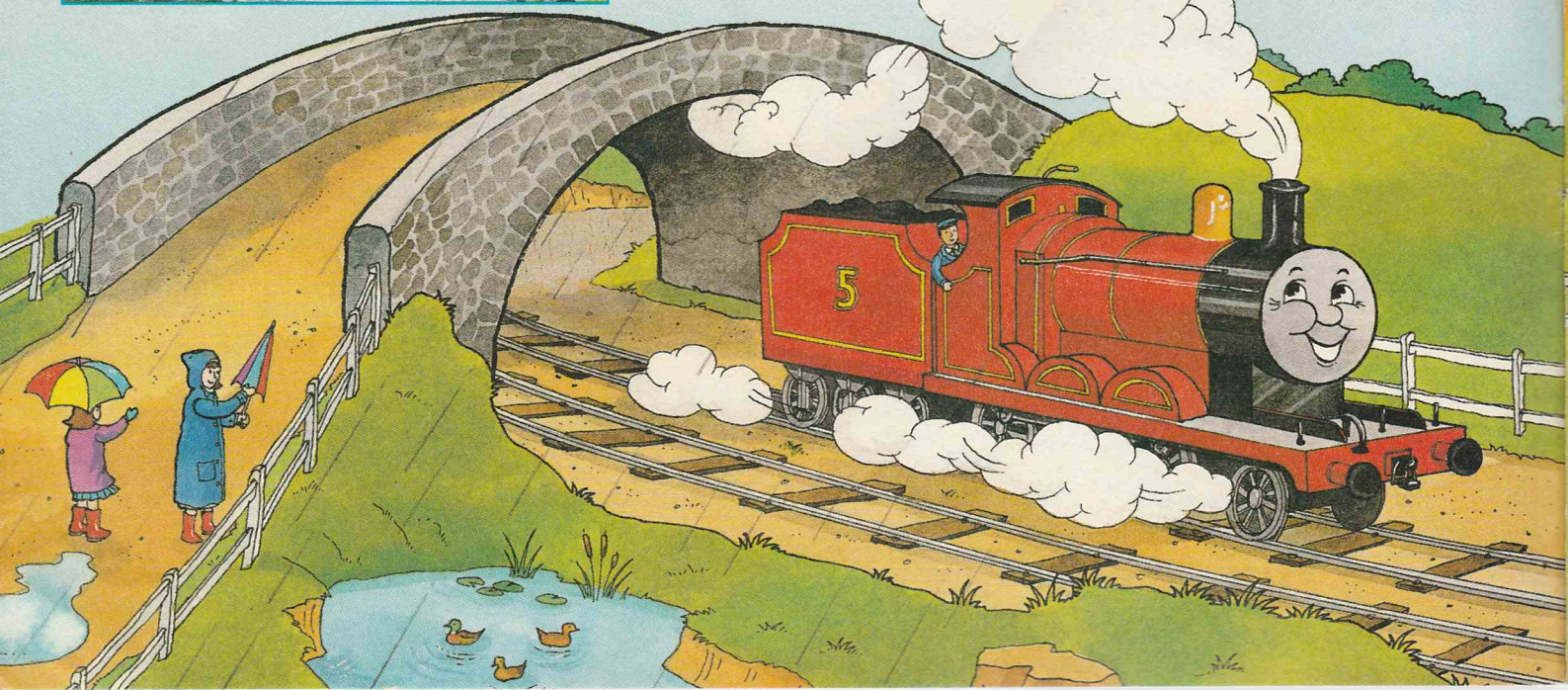
The Fat Controller's engines use trucks to deliver goods all over the Island of Sodor! What do the trucks carry?

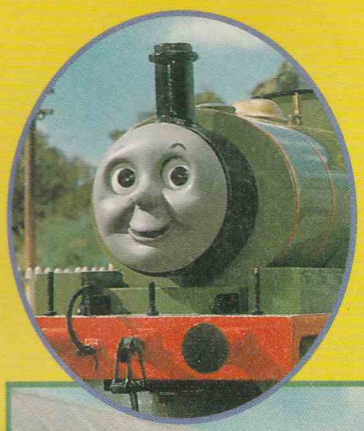
Bill and Ben's trucks carry china clay from Brendam Bay! Clay is used to make porcelain plates, paper and even paint! Clay is shipped from Brendam Bay to the Mainland.



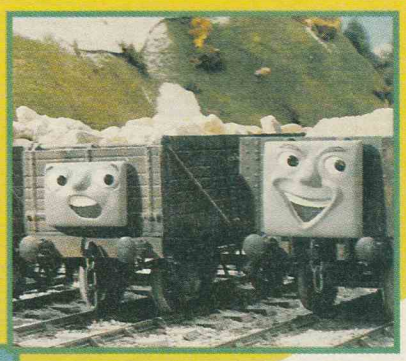


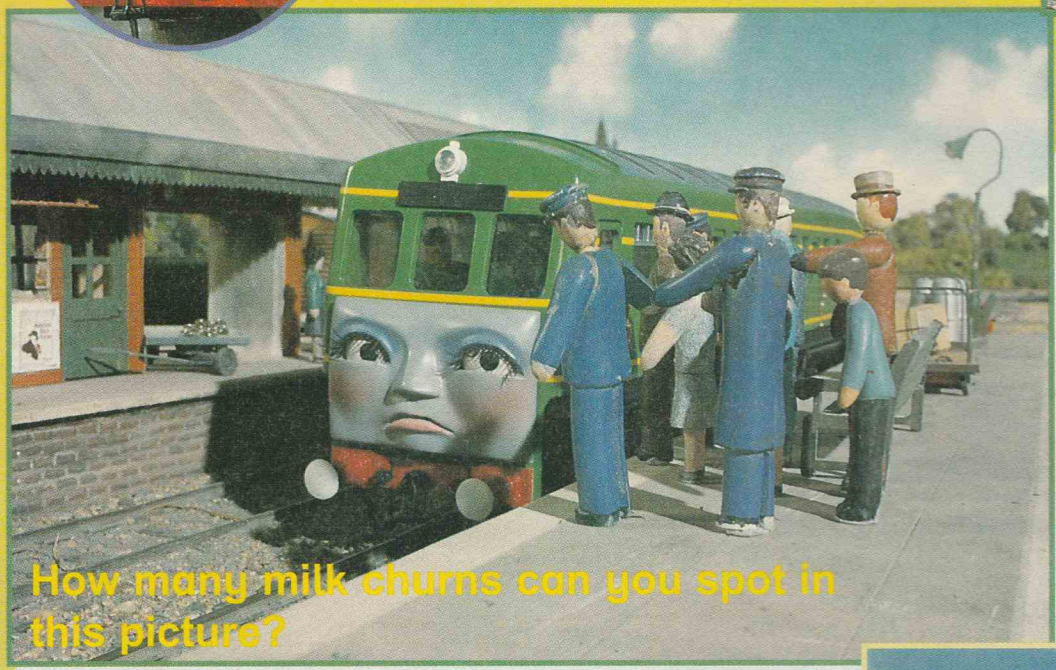
Thomas's trucks carry bricks! Bricks are used to build station houses and bridges! There are also brick-built carriage sheds on the Fat Controller's railway.





Henry's trucks carry the Island of Sodor Aluminium which is used to build water towers and make milk churns. Aluminium is also regularly carried from Tidmouth to the Mainland.





How many milk churns can you spot in this picture?

Mavis works on the Ffarquahar Quarry line! Her trucks carry stone and wood! Wood is used to build farm fences that protect animals! The wood that Mavis carries is also used to build quarry sheds!

The Fat Controller's Goods Engines also carry metal rods, slate and iron!

Harold the Goods Carrier! Harold the Helicopter can carry goods in a big net which is hooked underneath him! He often delivers goods inside big heavy crates!

YOUR LETTERS

STAR LETTER!

The sender of any letter that is printed as our STAR LETTER will win one of these Thomas push and pull motorised engines!

ENGINE'S FIRST!

Dear Fat Controller,

Who were the first engines to work from Edward's station?

Love from **William Humberstone**, aged 2.

Edward, Henry and Gordon were the first engines to be given tasks on Edward's line. They all worked from Edward's Station. It took them a while to get used to hard work though! On their first day at work, Edward enjoyed working hard but Gordon got stuck on top of a steep hill and Henry wouldn't come out of a really long tunnel!

TROUBLED MAVIS!

Dear Fat Controller,

I like Mavis the diesel engine! Has she ever had an accident?

Love from **Joseph Bournemouth.**

Yes! Mavis was determined to pull the trucks at Ffarquahar when the lines were very slippery. The trucks took their chance to push stubborn Mavis off in the wrong direction! The famous diesel engine soon became stranded and workmen had to clear the rails so that she could continue her journey more safely!

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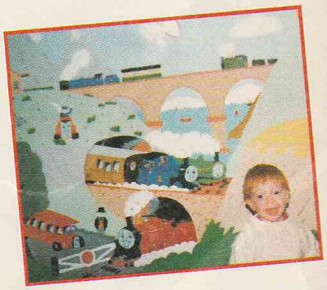


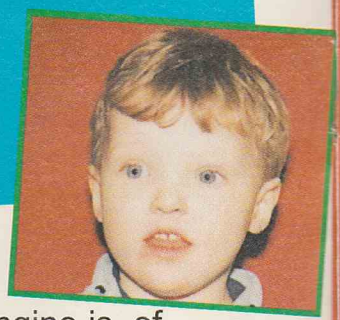
Dear Fat Controller,

I hope you will like this photograph of me in my Thomas bedroom. My Auntie Tina painted these pictures on my bedroom wall!

Love from **Ashley Wood**, aged 2.

BIRTHDAYS!

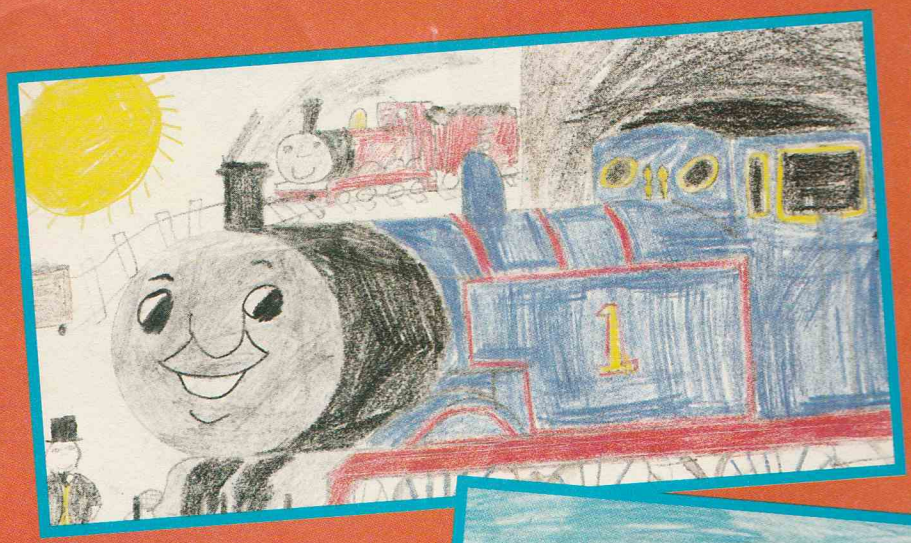
Happy birthday to... Ashley Wallace, Scott McCubbin, Kyle Anderson, Faye Stephenson, Keiran Paul Meadows and Tom Jennings.



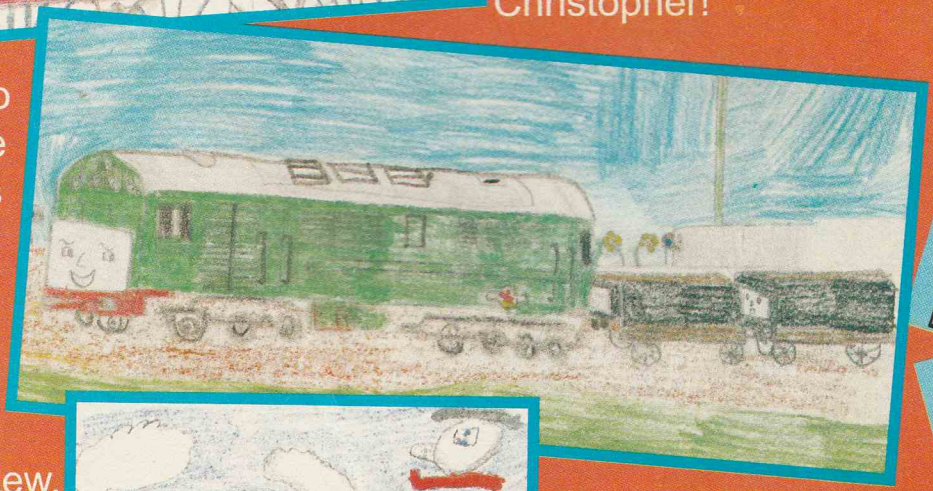
Here is **Henry Gleave**, who was 3 on the 6th of February. His favourite engine is, of course, Henry!

Drawing Board!

Thank you for sending your fine drawings and pictures to the Fat Controller's Drawing Board!

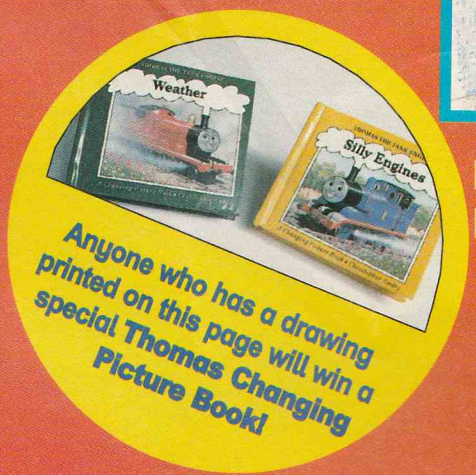


Christopher Wayne Hunt, aged 8, has sent us this picture of Thomas puffing out of the engine shed while his friend James the Red Engine, puffs past him. Well done, Christopher!



Look! Here's Boco working with the Troublesome Trucks at the Big Harbour yard. This fine drawing of the popular diesel engine was sent to us by Bennett Glew, aged 7.

This is a fabulous picture of Bill, the Saddletank Twin Engine, pulling out of Brendam Bay. It was drawn by Robert Spencer from Keighley in Yorkshire.



Anyone who has a drawing printed on this page will win a special Thomas Changing Picture Book!

If you would like to have your drawing or painting displayed on this page, then send your entries to: The Fat Controller's Drawing Board, Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends, Marvel Comics Ltd., 13-15 Arundel St., London, WC2R 3DX.

CUT OUT AND KEEP

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Which engine can you see?

What number is he?

What is his twin engine called?

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Educational Insights have offered **10 GeoSafari Junior Quiz Games** as our competition prizes, and you could be one of our lucky winners! Learning has never been so much fun with the **GeoSafari Junior Quiz Game!** Each brightly coloured unit comes complete with 20 activity cards featuring alphabets, numbers and colours plus lots more. **GeoSafari Junior** can also be played alone or with the whole family and has a special correcting facility which tells players when their answers are wrong! So, whether you want to learn or play, this simple quiz game will provide hours of fun!

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The closing date for entries will be ***21st April, 1995.***

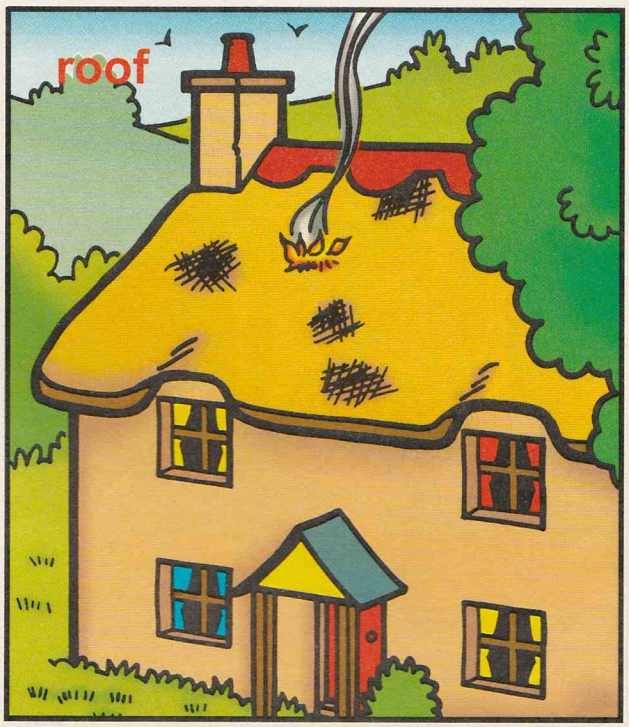
This competition is open to all readers other than employees of Marvel Comics Ltd. and Educational Insights Ltd. We cannot accept any responsibility for prizes lost or damaged in the post. The Editor's decision is final and no correspondence shall be entered into.

The new roof!

It was a sunny, spring day as Thomas steamed along his branch line. Soon he saw Mrs Kyndley waving from her cottage garden.

"Peep! Peep! Hello!" Thomas whistled, pulling up at a signal nearby. Then he noticed the cottage's thatched roof badly needed repairing. Thomas told his driver.

"I know," he replied. "But it would be very expensive. Mrs Kyndley said she can't afford it, even though the roof leaks!"



Suddenly, a spark from Thomas's funnel blew on to the cottage roof which began to smoke. Mrs Kyndley rang the fire brigade from a phone box. She stayed safely away while the fire was quickly put out. Thomas felt awful.

"It's all my fault!" he told the Fat Controller, later. "Mrs Kyndley's roof is worse than ever now!"

"There is a way we can help," said the Fat Controller.

Lady Hatt and her friends cleverly made dolls and hats from straw. They baked lots of cakes, too. Then the Fat Controller announced that he would organise a fund-raising fête. On the big day, it was held in a field by one of Thomas's stations. He busily took all the railway staff, their families and neighbours there. Everyone had a wonderful time.

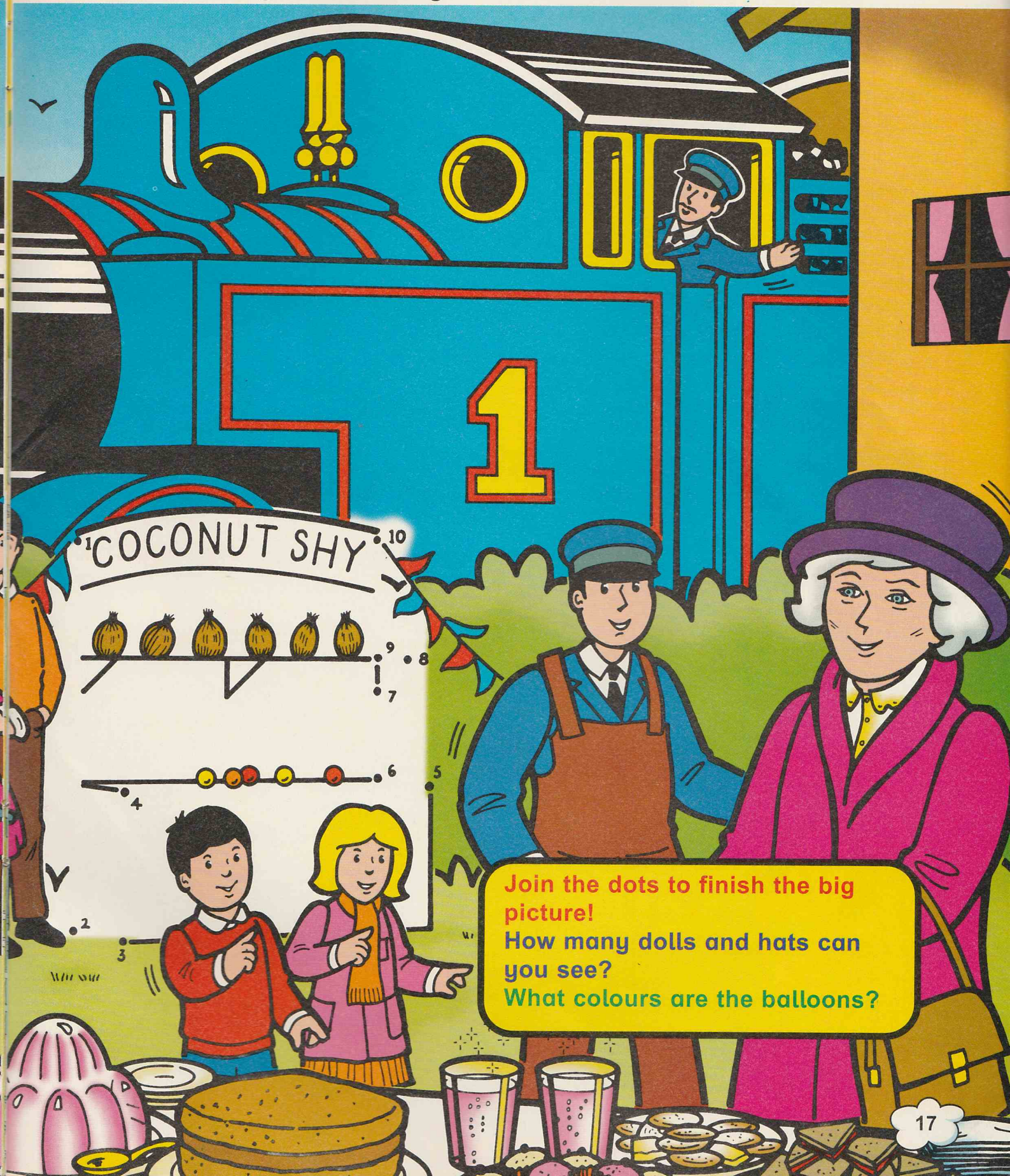
There was lots to eat and drink. All the home-made goods were sold. There were games and a raffle, too. Mrs Kyndley was the special guest.

Afterwards, the Fat Controller gave her the money that had been collected. It was enough to

pay for a new thatched roof.

Mrs Kyndley was very pleased! So was Thomas!

"Thank goodness my stray spark didn't turn out to be the 'last straw'!" smiled Thomas.



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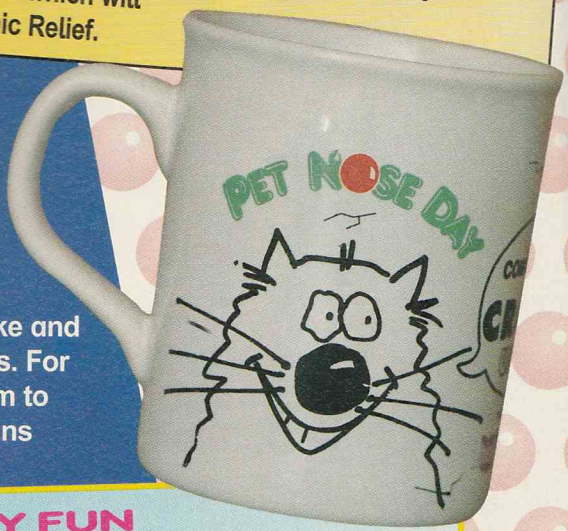
GRIN AND WIN
You can buy special cans of Pedigree Chum and Whiskas featuring the Grin and Win promotion. Match up two labels to make a joke and you could win one of ten prizes of £10,000 or one of one million free cans. For every prize claimed, Pedigree Chum and Whiskas will donate a cash sum to Comic Relief: £10,000 for each cash prize and 50p for each of the free cans claimed!



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Enter our fur-raising competition and you could be the lucky winner of one of our special prize grab bags, comprising a brilliant baseball cap, colour changing mug, sticker sheet and a voucher for money off Pedigree Chum or Whiskas. So put on your red nose and sniff out a prize.

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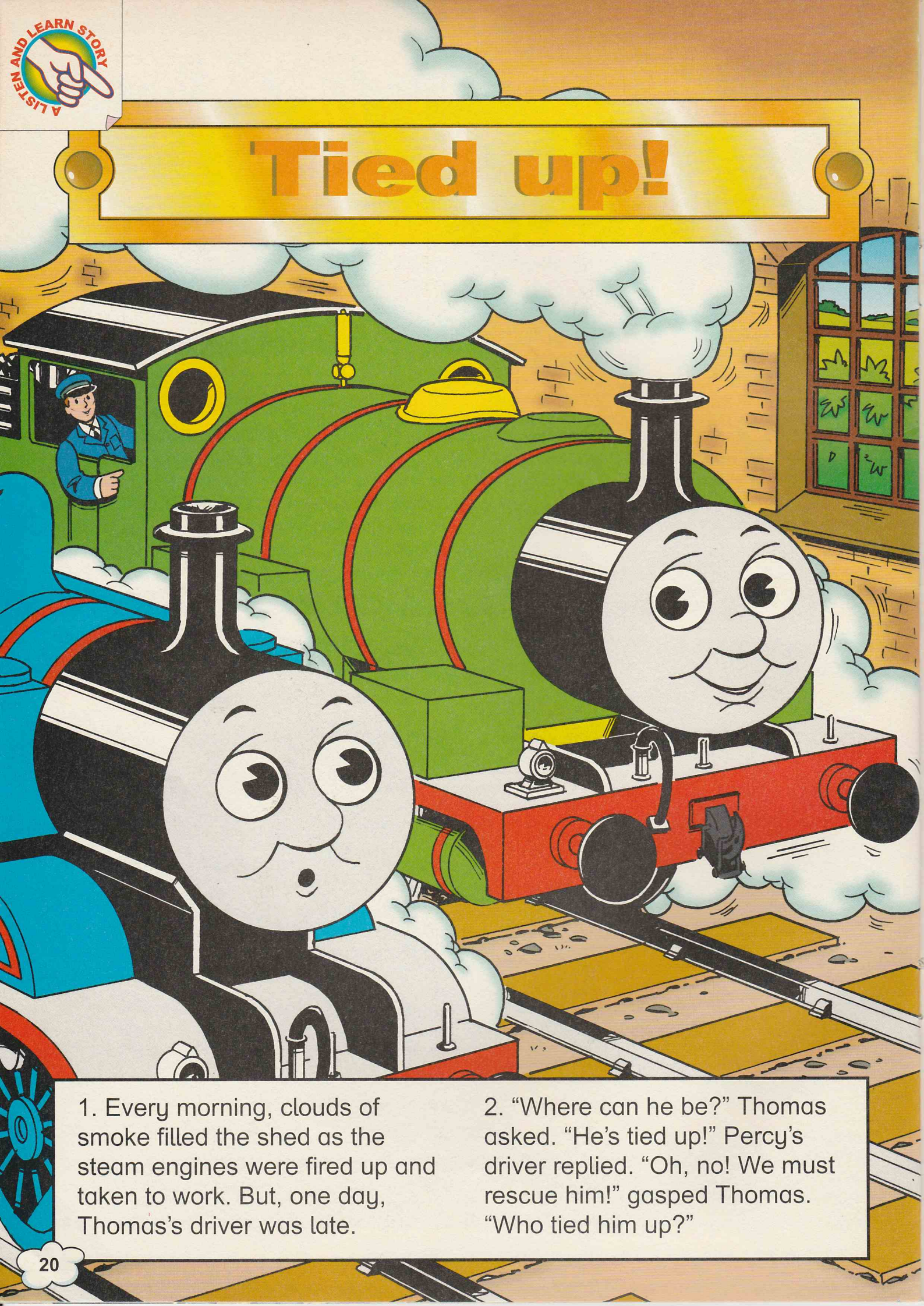
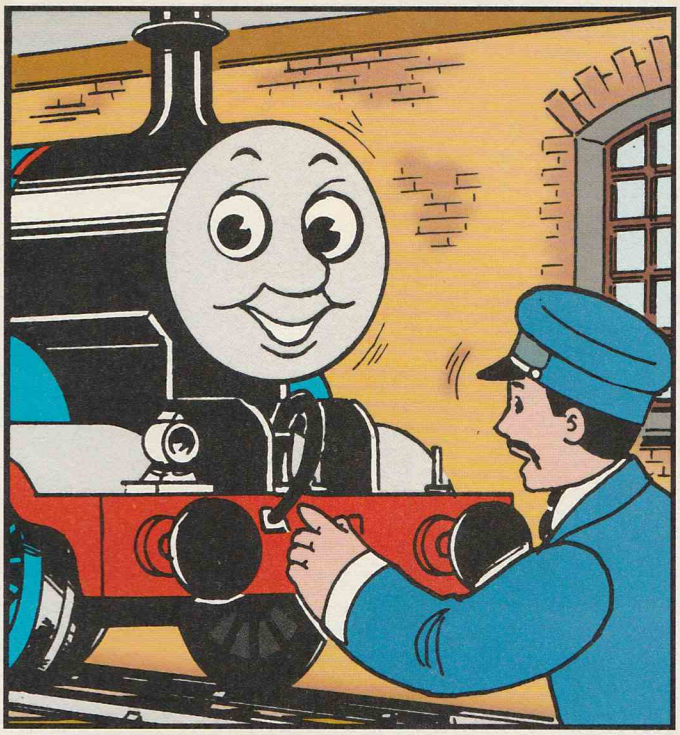


Tied up!

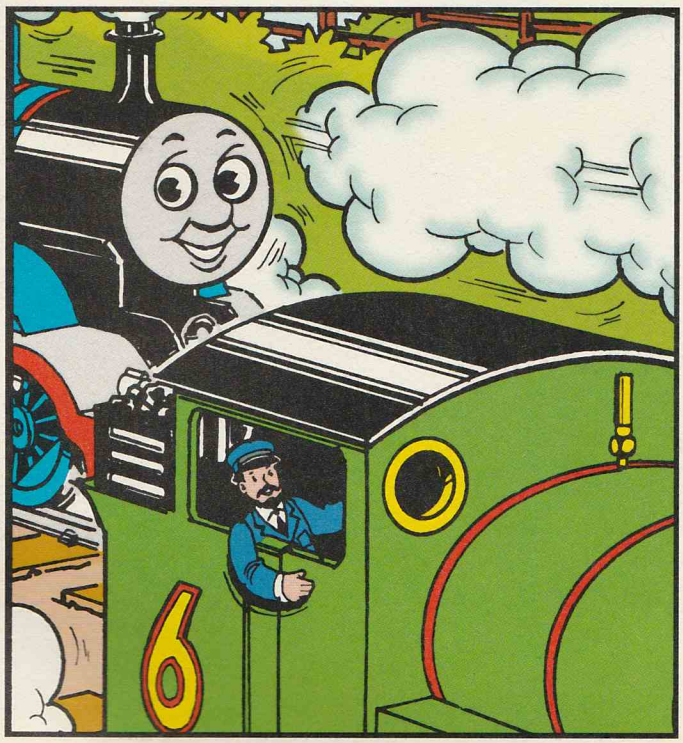
1. Every morning, clouds of smoke filled the shed as the steam engines were fired up and taken to work. But, one day, Thomas's driver was late.

2. "Where can he be?" Thomas asked. "He's tied up!" Percy's driver replied. "Oh, no! We must rescue him!" gasped Thomas. "Who tied him up?"

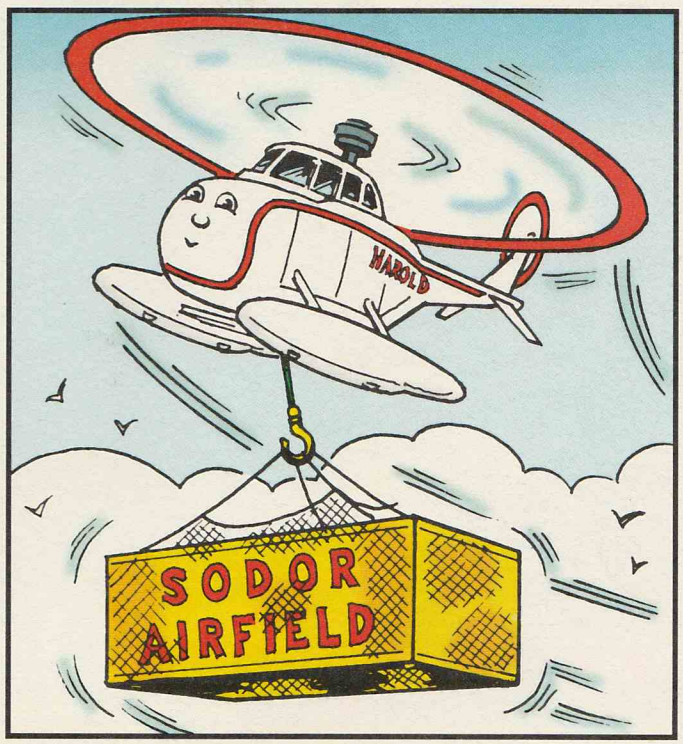
3. Percy's driver laughed. "No one," he said. "Tied up means he is busy, for the moment!" "Even I knew that!" said Percy. Thomas began to feel really silly.



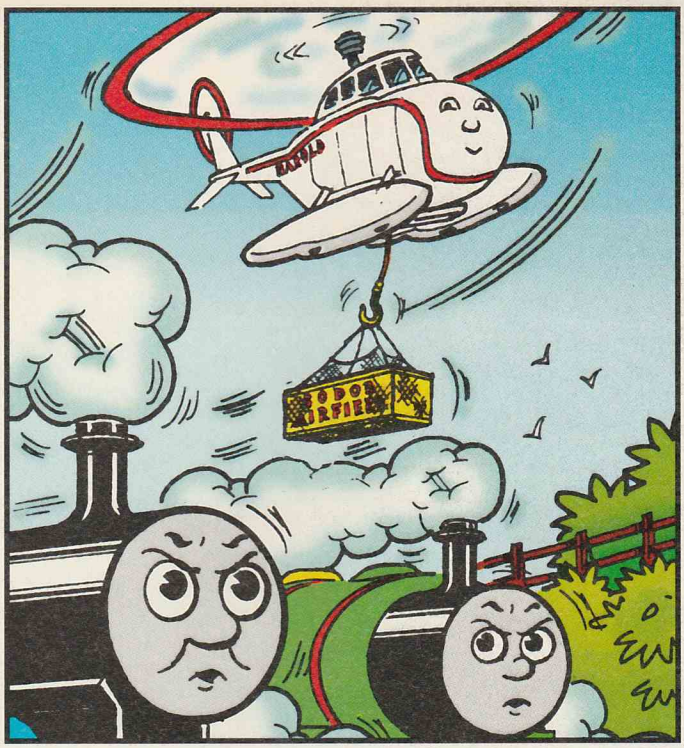
4. "I've work to do so I'll be tied up too!" smiled Percy. At last, Thomas's driver arrived. "I was busy talking to the Fat Controller!" he explained.



5. Next day, Percy's usual driver had the morning off. The Fat Controller asked a relief driver to take Percy out, to help pull some goods trucks on the branch line.

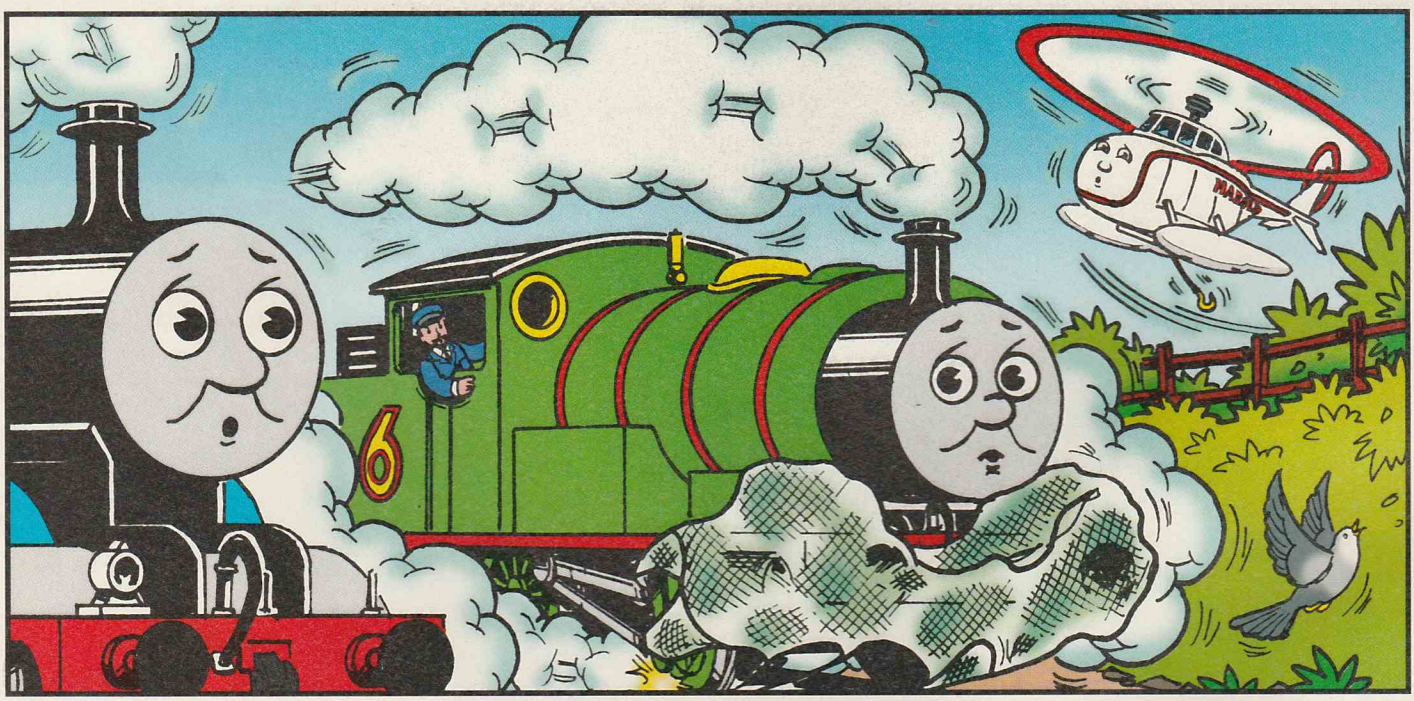


6. "We're both tied up today, Thomas!" teased Percy. Harold the Helicopter flew towards them. He carried important goods in a big net hooked underneath him.



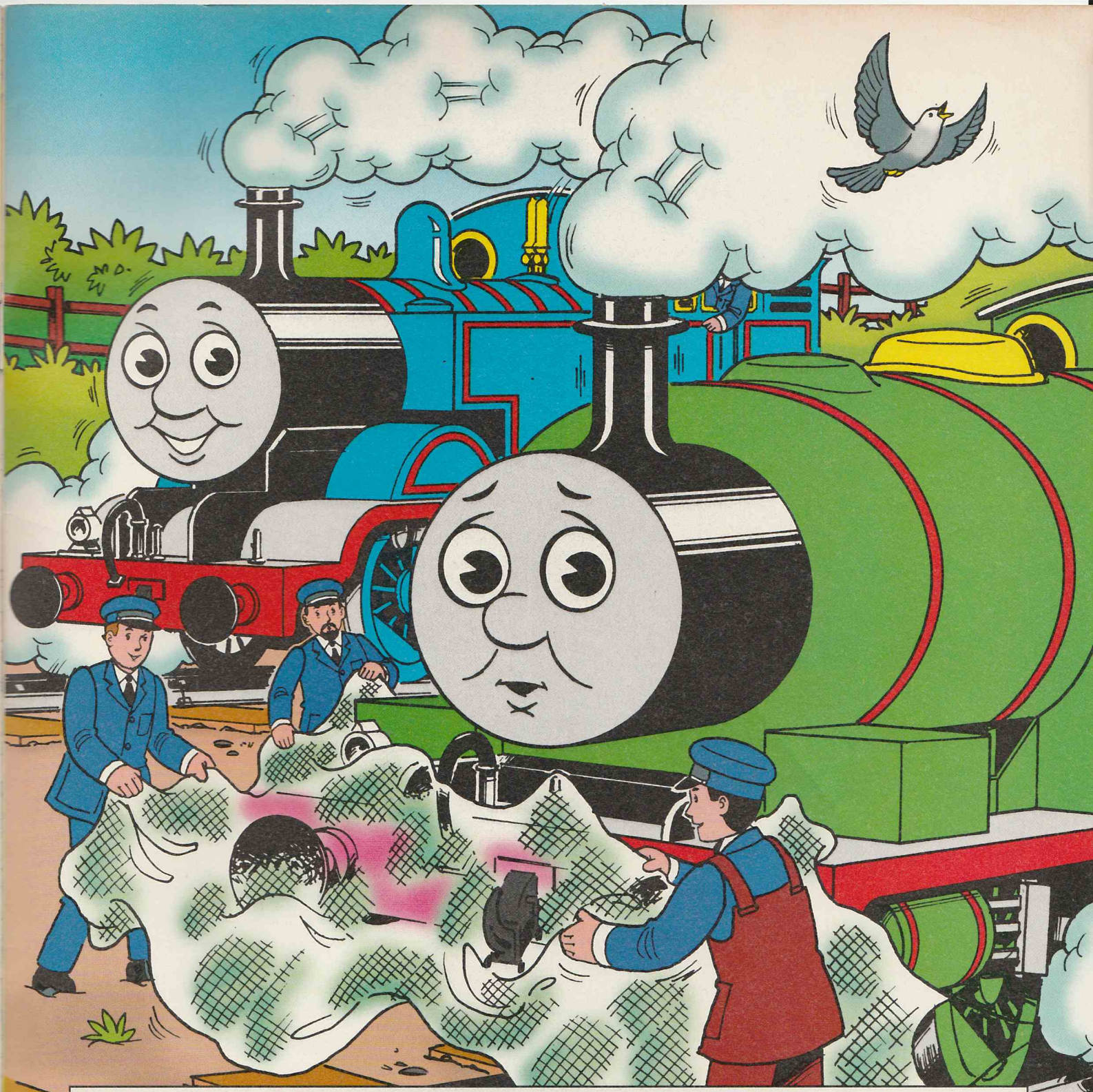
7. “A helicopter is the modern way to move goods,” he boasted to the engines as he hovered above them. “I can deliver them much faster, too!” Then Harold whirled off.

8. “Cheek!” puffed the engines crossly. They steamed on their way as well. Later, Thomas and Percy saw Harold again. This time, his big net was empty.



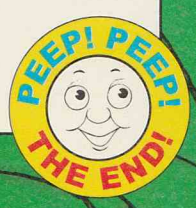
9. Suddenly, it came unhooked and dropped towards Percy. “Look out!” warned Thomas. The net landed on top of Percy’s funnel. His driver braked urgently.

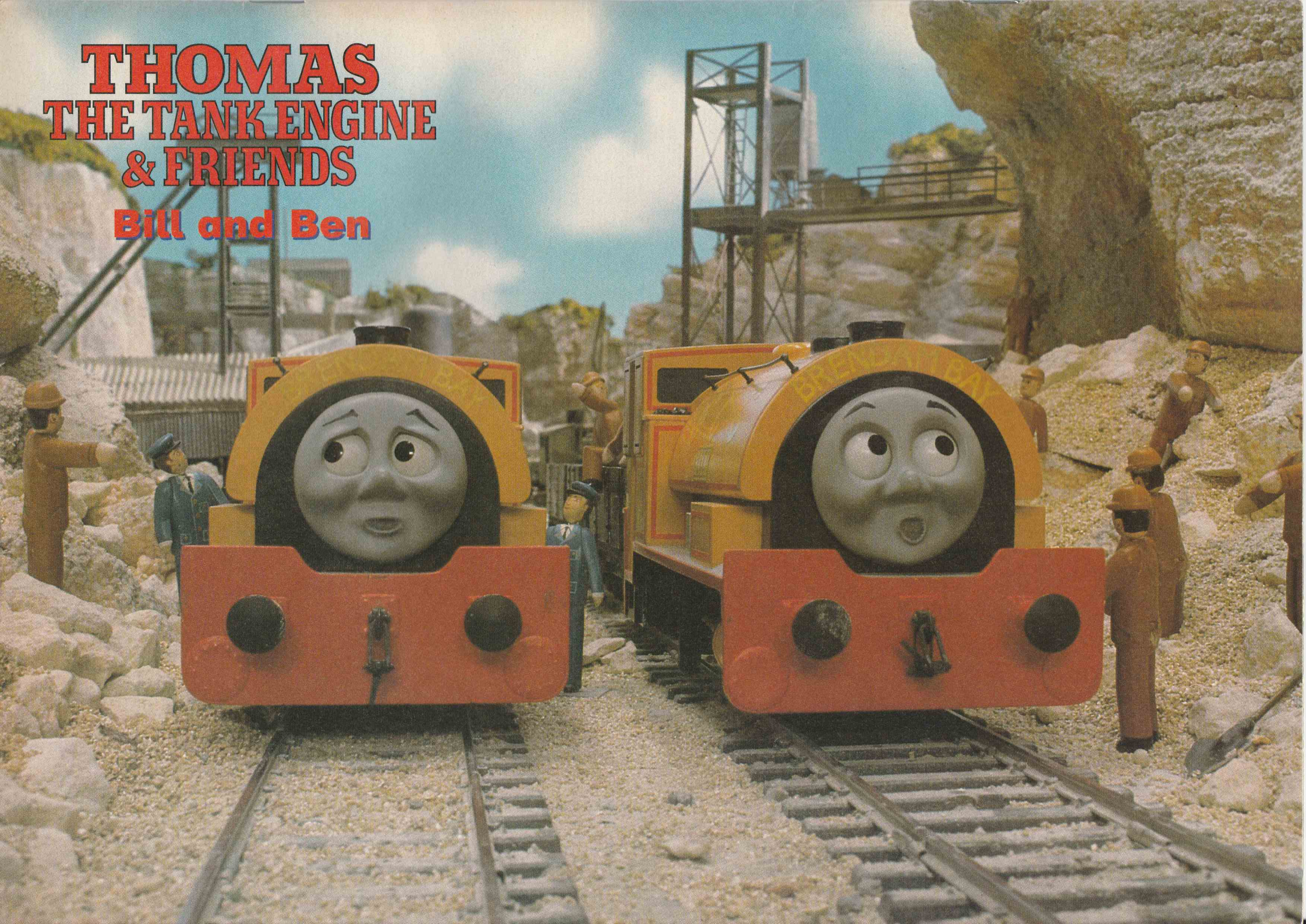
10. Percy jolted to a halt but the net was all tangled around his wheels. “Get it off me!” he yelled. “Sorry!” called Harold. “It was only an accident!”



11. Luckily, Percy was not hurt. But he could not move his wheels. "Helicopters should be more careful!" fumed Percy. His driver and fireman could not free the net. "I'll get help!" said Thomas. He raced to the Main Station. By now, Percy's regular driver was waiting. "Why is Percy so late?" he asked.

12. "He's tied up!" replied Thomas. "Do you mean he's busy?" asked Percy's driver. "No! You'd better come and see!" Thomas took some workmen too. They all helped cut the net off Percy. "There!" smiled Thomas afterwards. "You really were tied up that time!" "Very funny!" sulked Percy.

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